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This letter is in response to a petition to make application with reference number 10//029,688 special under 37 C.F.R. 1.102 and MPEP 708.02 (II). The petition has been granted.

Applicant and assignee of this application are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined necessary to the examination of this application.

The information is required to identify products and services embodying the disclosed subject matter of claims 1-37 and identify the properties of similar products and services found in the prior art.

In response to this requirement, please provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the claimed subject matter.

In response to this requirement, please state that a careful and thorough search of the prior art has been made or specify that applicants have a good knowledge of the prior art.

In response to this requirement, please provide a copy of the rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device and method identified in the petition filed 6/02/2003 (paper #4) along with any supporting documents concerning place and date(s) of use and/or sale of the alleged infringing device.

In response to this requirement, please state the specific improvements of the claimed subject matter in claims 1, 9, 17, 25-27 and 31 over the disclosed prior art and indicate the specific elements in the claimed subject matter that provide those improvements.

The fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 that are included in the applicants' first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements under 37 C.F.R. 1.197.

The applicants are reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Where the applicants do not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete response to the requirement for that item.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz B. Jean whose telephone number is 703 305 3970. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00 M-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alam Hosain can be reached on 703 308-6662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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